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On Thursday morning, Premier Brad Wall was in Saskatoon at the opening of Cabela's, while later in the day, in Regina, the SMPIA called for the removal of Wall's culture minister, Bill Hutchinson. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

'It's not going to happen': Wall to SMPIA

New tax-credit plan.
Premier responds after Saskatchewan Media Production Industry Association calls for removal of culture minister

CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS
For Metro Regina

To the rapturous applause of a studio filled with members of the media industry, the Saskatchewan Media Production Industry Association (SMPIA) called for the removal of Bill Hutchinson, the minister of tourism, parks, culture and sport, on Thursday.

"We ask that he be replaced with a new minister that understands our industry, and who wants to work with us to save us," said Ron Goetz, SMPIA president.

Hours later, in a pre-scheduled interview with Global Television, Premier Brad Wall made his position on the matter clear.

"It's not going to happen," said Wall.

On May 4, Hutchinson announced a new tax-credit plan for the province's media industry. It offers a 25 per cent non-refundable tax credit on all production expenses, meaning the government would refund taxes already paid on income spent by a production company.

Goetz said the "poorly conceived" plan "was not endorsed by the industry, had not been properly researched and had a significant flaw that makes it unworkable."

Wall said that the non-refundable tax credit would reward Saskatchewan-based companies. But industry members disagree.

Critics contend that the non-refundable tax credit is ill-suited to the film industry because a company must earn a certain amount before the credit would become viable. And many production companies in the province are small- to medium-sized.

"On a production that spends $5 million in Saskatchewan," said Goetz, "a company would have to earn almost $11 million in taxable income in order to get an advantage with that tax credit. These numbers are simply not achievable for our industry."

When asked what will happen if the government doesn't change its plan, Goetz stated that it would be the end of the industry. "Gradually the industry will dwindle. It's happened everywhere else where the tax credit has been cut. There's no mystery to that. You lose your industry."

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Biggest names

Country music awards coming to Saskatoon

The Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) has announced the 2012 CCMA Awards will be held in Saskatoon on Sept. 9.

According to a press release from the CCMA, the event will include performances by some of Canadian country music's biggest names.

"Dean Brody and Deric Ruttan are scheduled to perform, while newly added country music superstars Miranda Lambert and Pistol Annies are sure to have country fans of all ages dancing in their seats to an epic performance," read the release.

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Families

Province to create 500 new child-care spaces

Saskatchewan is announcing where it will spend cash to create 500 new child-care spaces in 15 communities across the province.

The government has earmarked $6 million for the program, which aims to provide more quality child care for families.

The communities that will benefit include Regina, Carlyle, Dalmeny, Grenfell, Moose Jaw, Oxbow, Prince Albert, Tisdale, Saskatoon, Shellbrook, Stony Rapids, Swift Current, Qu'Appelle, Watson and Yorkton.

Funding for the daycare spaces was included in the government's spring budget.

Education Minister Donna Harpauer says since the Saskatchewan Party formed government, the number of child-care spaces has increased by 42 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hundreds of people lined up to be the first to shop at Cabela's in Saskatoon. The American outdoor outfitter is expected to attract hunters and anglers from across the province. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Hunters, anglers vocal on current regulations

Response. A day before Cabela's grand opening, the government announced that it is extending the close date for the Red Tape Reduction opinion survey

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The Saskatchewan government has received an overwhelming response to a survey that targets hunters and anglers across the province, which has prompted it to extend the close date from May 9 to May 23.

The survey, launched April 27, is part of the province's Red Tape Reduction initiative. The purpose is to get input from hunters and anglers about how to improve regulations surrounding each sport and make processes more user-friendly.

"We've had hundreds and hundreds of responses. People have filled out the survey and we've had phone calls — all with ideas and suggestions about how things might be improved," said Minister of Enterprise Jeremy Harrison in an interview.

Last year, the government issued a total of 204,686 hunting licences and 173,808 fishing licences.

"When you think about it, this is an issue that impacts a tremendous amount of people in our province," said Harrison. "We want to hear from those people."

Enterprise Saskatchewan reports that it has had nearly 1,800 responses so far, and it is expecting just as many more before it closes the online survey.

"Saskatchewan hunters and anglers are providing us great feedback on our regulations and extending the deadline will create more opportunities for us to get more first-hand viewpoints," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said in a press release.

Many of survey responders were at the grand opening of Cabela's on Preston Avenue near Circle Drive.

"You have to have a credit card and a computer. I don't have either. Getting into the Big Game Draw is hard for me to do. They make it hard," said life-long hunter John Rutherford, while standing in line at the grand opening.

The only way to get your name entered into the Big Game Draw is by submitting an online application. And as Rutherford argues, not every hunter or angler in Saskatchewan has access to the Internet.

Survey feedback will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment for analysis and then passed to the Red Tape Reduction Committee for consideration.

The Red Tape Reduction Committee is comprised of members of the legislative assembly. It is tasked with reviewing all government regulations that have an impact on businesses and ensuring that they are as efficient as possible.

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On the web

Modern-day Crusoe

Modern-day homestead or survival game? An Anchorage, Alaska, oil employee/filmmaker is heading to a nearly deserted island for one year with nothing but his dog as a sidekick. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The jury's out on whether it's breastfeeding at its best or parenting at its worst. Either way, it's an image that has tongues wagging. A controversial Time magazine cover photo is going viral, and people across the globe, Canadians included, are voicing their opinions. Scan the code for the story.

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Drug searches

Sniffer dogs get day in court

The Supreme Court of Canada will hear the case of a Regina man who was charged after a police sniffer dog detected marijuana in the trunk of his car in 2006.

Benjamin Cain MacKenzie was acquitted of possession for the purpose of trafficking when the trial judge ruled the search was unconstitutional because the RCMP didn't have reasonable grounds to bring out the dog to check the closed trunk.

The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal overturned the judge's ruling in May 2011 and ordered a new trial. MacKenzie then sought leave to take his case to the Supreme Court.

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Law and order

Hacker sentenced after guilty plea

A judge has brought down a suspended sentence in the case of a Saskatchewan man who admitted to hacking into a New York-based website.

But Ryan Devin Lee of Denare Beach is also facing 20 months of probation and community service after pleading guilty to charges that included committing mischief in relation to data.

He entered the plea during a court appearance this week in Creighton, Sask.

Lee was arrested in June 2010 after the RCMP raided a home in Denare Beach and seized several computers.

Police were acting on information obtained from the Canadian Consulate and the RCMP about an alleged attack on a commercial website from a computer in the residence.

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Charly hustling his way to top of the turntable charts

Profile. Saskatoon DJ up for the challenge of Red Bull's nationwide competition

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Sean Grant, a.k.a. DJ Charly Hustle, will be competing against the nation's best at Red Bull's Thre3style competition later this month. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Local DJ Charly Hustle is scratching his way to the top of Canada's turntable circles.

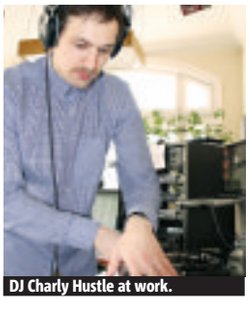
Hustle, whose real name is Sean Grant, is Halifax-bound for Red Bull's Thre3style nationwide DJ competition on May 26. This came after winning the city and regional versions of Thre3style in Saskatoon and Calgary, respectively.

DJing has evolved from a party-oriented hobby into an internationally celebrated art form and Grant, 33, has proven himself an innovative heavyweight in Saskatoon and Western Canada.

Thre3style's national finals in Halifax feature the top DJs from five regions across Canada: British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Grant claimed $500 for his Saskatoon performance and $1,000 for coming out on top in Calgary.

The winner of Halifax's competition receives $2,500 and advances to the Thre3style international finals in Chicago, where the top Canuck DJ will face off against turntablists from 17 different countries.

Thre3style's competitors are judged on their ability to make a club erupt into a full-blown dance party and need to blend at least three genres or styles of music (hence the contest's name) into a 15-minute set.



DJ Charly Hustle at work.

Grant is excited to spin along the country's best but is also looking forward to being judged by North American turntable pioneers DJ Jazzy Jeff and Skratch Bastid.

"It's going to be a highlight of my life to have people you've looked up to — like your childhood idols — and have them evaluate you," said Grant."Maybe they'll like it and DJ Jazzy Jeff will be like, 'That was a super-dope set.' If that came out of his mouth to me, I'd be like, 'Boom! Success in Halifax, win or lose.'"

Grant's musical vibe doesn't conform to one set genre and encompasses a wide spectrum of musical stylings.

"It wouldn't necessarily be a genre. It'd be like party rock," described Grant. "I love so many different kinds of music that I like to try and play a lot in a set. I'll play funk and disco and soul but I'll want to play hip hop and some cheesy '80s crap that I used to listen to as a kid. As long as it's danceable, that's what I like to play."

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Environment. City says bag ban a no-go — for now

The city of Saskatoon's environmental advisory committee says a plastic-bag ban is not a good fit for the city, for now.

The committee, which met Thursday, said it could not recommend the implementation of a bag ban at this time as the costs associated with the program would be too high.

"Right now, it's a no-go," said Kathleen Aikens, a member of the committee. "It's not so much a decision that says a plastic-bag ban is not a good idea, it's more a decision that says now doesn't seem to be the time — in our opinion — because significant city resources are being currently allocated to the recycling program."

Aikens said the committee will be recommending to the administration and finance committee that an education program focused on disposable-bag use reduction be included as part of the recycling program.

"We know that consumer behaviour can be changed through education and incentives, so we recommend that the recycling program look at putting into its agenda an education component," she said.

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Inquest

Death leads to recommendations

A six-member jury is recommending that all cell doors at the Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre be visible to a camera.

Their conclusions came after two days of graphic evidence and detailed testimony at the inquest into the death of Travis Paranteau.

The 27-year-old committed suicide while on remand at the centre in June 2010 on charges that included sexual assault.

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Hockey. MacLean takes flack for 9-11 comment

For once, Don Cherry isn't in the hot seat over what he said on Hockey Night In Canada.

Instead it's his longtime on-air companion Ron MacLean, who sparked controversy when he compared players to 9-11 first responders prior to Wednesday's playoff game between New York and Washington.

At the start of the broadcast, MacLean notes that the two cities were united by the tragedy of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He says it is "crazy to compare what the emergency responders did during that time, but a spirit has to start somewhere."

He then goes on to say you "can't help but be struck by the players and the way they've played these games.

"They are like police officers, they are like firefighters. You can't fight fire with ego. The pain these men have faced, the price they keep on paying, the hearts they keep on lifting."

MacLean and the CBC issued a statement Thursday to "clarify" the comments, which were rebuked by columnists on both sides of the border and scorned on Twitter.

But his statement failed to soothe some on the social-networking website, who noted he opted to explain rather than back down from the comparison.

Ron MacLean THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Ron Maclean decides to defend instead of back off his ... ridiculous hyperbole. A stupid, disrespectful comparison but not malicious," tweeted Jason Pachkowski of Regina.

While he didn't retract the comments in the statement, he did elaborate on his thought process. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge deemed crucial evidence inadmissible in Michael Rafferty trial

London, Ont. Jury sequestered in the trial of 8-year-old Tori Stafford's alleged murderer as laptop evidence comes to light

Warning: Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers.

A laptop computer belonging to the man accused of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing Victoria Stafford was used to search online for "real underage rape" and "nude preteen" not long before the eight-year-old was abducted, court documents indicate.

But the jury in Michael Rafferty's trial — now sequestered and deciding his fate — doesn't know it, along with a number of other facts that the court deemed inadmissible.

The Crown contends Rafferty also downloaded "substantial" amounts of child pornography, and there was evidence of snuff films — movies depicting real killings — on his laptop. A woman he met online alleged that he drugged, choked and raped her. A litany of past dates reported he had a penchant for sexual choking. Some even complained of his "disconcerting" behaviour toward their children.

The jury doesn't know that, either.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney refused to allow evidence found on Rafferty's laptop and BlackBerry — the searches, the evidence of child porn and a downloaded movie about Karla Homolka — because the search violated Rafferty's charter rights.

When police legally searched Rafferty's car and found the two devices, they should have obtained another search warrant to examine their contents, Heeney ruled — even though at the time there was no binding authority upon them to do so.

Defence lawyers Dirk Derstein and Laura Giordano speak to the media outside the court at a break in proceedings. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Survey. Women control family purse strings

Men still make the most money in the average household, but it's women who control the purse strings.

While that's been acknowledged informally for some time in Canada, a new survey by the Bank of Montreal suggests there is no reason to doubt the truism.

In a report tied to Mother's Day, the bank says a recent survey of about 1,500 people shows that in 82 per cent of Canadian households, women are either the primary decision-maker or have equal responsibility for financial decisions.

"We can still say women earn less than men over their entire career ... but they do make around 80 per cent of the decisions around spending," said Tina Di Vito, head of BMO's retirement division.

"Even on things like the family car, women are very involved in selecting a car that is appropriate for their needs."

The BMO report, done in conjunction with Boston Consulting Group, shows women are also gaining financial power by virtue of their earnings and now control about one-third of all wealth in North America.

Still, the study released Thursday suggests women remain on average less confident than men about finances.

Men are more likely than women to have investments and a financial plan by a factor 62 per cent versus 52 per cent, the bank said. They also tend to be less prepared for retirement due to a variety of factors, including lower earnings, intermittent work histories and longer life spans.

Di Vito said the gap is closing in many areas where women are lagging.

"There is still a gap, but it's getting less and less. Even in the area of retirement, baby-boomer women are the first generation of women retirees that actually control their own personal wealth," she said.

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Technology

Samsung unwraps ultra-thin OLED TV

Samsung Electronics Co. said Thursday that it is aiming to launch flat-panel TVs using new screen technology called OLED during the second half of this year in the domestic market.

Samsung said the 55-inch TV using the ultra-thin display will sell for over 10 million won, or more than $9,000 US. That is at least more than twice as expensive as the high-end 55-inch TVs available in the market.

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Obama decided to back gay marriage before VP's remark

U.S. Biden says sorry to Obama for comments that led president to speed up his public acknowledgement of his support for same-sex unions: Source

U.S. President Barack Obama says he'd already decided to come out for gay marriage before Vice-President Joe Biden publicly endorsed it.

Obama tells ABC in an interview that he wasn't worried about being upstaged by Biden on the volatile social issue.

However, at one point, Obama says, "Would I have preferred to have done this in my own way, in my own terms without, I think, there being a lot of notice to everybody? Sure."

U.S. President Barack Obama
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But Obama quickly adds, "All's well that ends well."

He tells ABC's Robin Roberts that he "already made a decision to take this position" before Biden made his comments Sunday in response to a question in a nationally broadcast interview.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan endorsed gay marriage on Monday.

Obama says in Wednesday's interview — shown Thursday morning — he didn't revise his position as part of a re-election campaign ploy.

"It would be hard to argue that somehow this is something that I'd be doing for political advantage because, frankly, the politics, it's not clear how they're going to cut."

Several countries, mostly in Europe but also Canada, Argentina and South Africa, already allow gay marriage.

Gay-rights activists around the world hailed Obama's support.

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1 **Steve (GM) Nash:** Canada's men's national basketball team is in great hands after the announcement that two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash has been named general manager. What would make things even sweeter is if the Victoria native, who is a free agent this off-season, signs with the Toronto Raptors. Captain Canada, Captain Toronto.

2 **Walk a mile in her shoes:** This international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence gives men, women and families the opportunity to raise awareness in their communities about the impact of sexualized violence by walking in women's high-heeled shoes.
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3 **The Dictator:** Admiral General Shabazz Aladeen is a dictator from the Republic of Wadiya and appeared on the Today Show with Matt Lauer this week with a handful of guards, and made some threatening remarks. Luckily, Aladeen is actually actor Sacha Baron Cohen, who was promoting his new comedy The Dictator, which opens May 16. Go see it. It will be a riot.

4 **Emily is back:** Emily Maynard, whose romance with former bachelor Brad Womack did not work out after he proposed to her, is the new Bachelorette. It premieres May 14, and suitors include a data-destruction specialist — fitting for the show, perhaps, with its high percentage of failed romances. Heck, even its host Chris Harrison recently announced he's splitting from his wife.

5 **Mark Zuckerberg's b-day:** Billionaire boy Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook — one of the most powerful brands on the planet (and soon-to-go IPO) — turns the ripe old age of 28 this Sunday. Before he hits 30, I predict Zuckerberg will create a transporter that will beam us up to other planets. We can share those planetary pics on Facebook.

6 **Desperate Housewives finale:** The now iconic Wisteria Lane will be no more after this Sunday when Desperate Housewives bids adieu to fans in a two-hour finale. Many former cast members will be returning for this tear-fest. The only consolation is knowing that there are still so many real-life desperate housewives we can continue to gossip about.

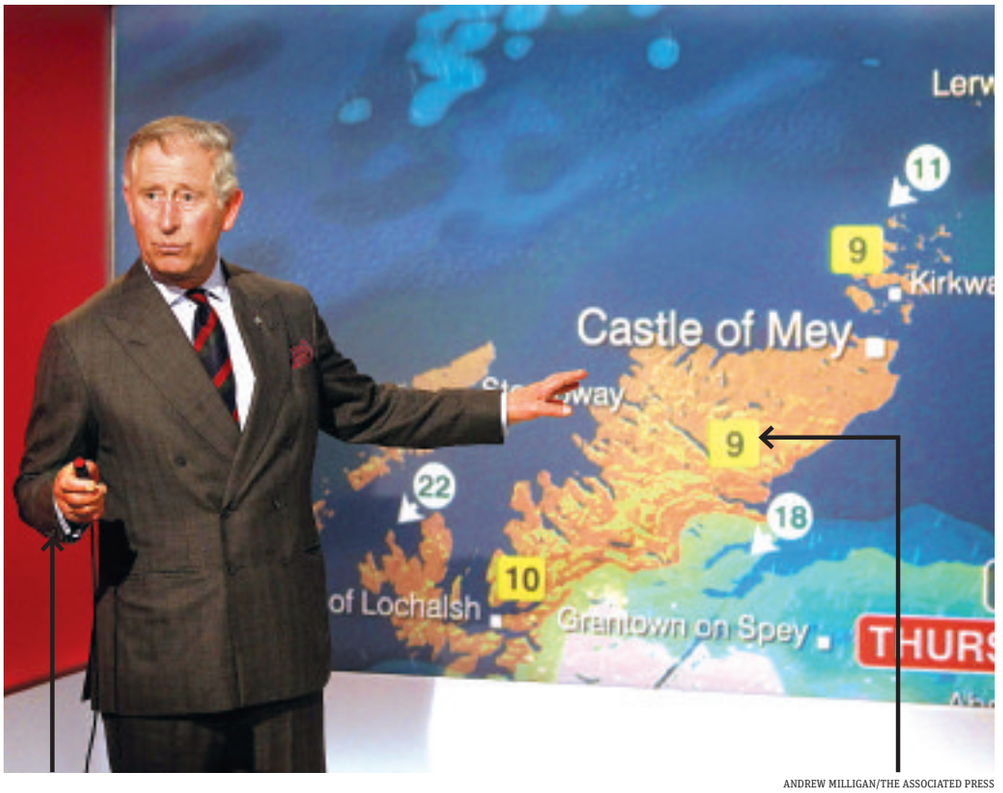
7 **Klout:** Klout.com, a social app that measures your social-media reach, is all the talk right now with the cool kids. If you have a high "klout" score (the highest you can get is 100 — only Justin Bieber has that), the more influential you are online. I have no idea what my score is, but please follow me @neilmorton, tweet at me, and re-tweet my tweets and I won't be as scared to look.

8 **Chris Rumble:** This leukemia patient/young filmmaker/hero at Seattle Children's Hospital created an amazing video, Stronger: Seattle Children's Hospital, starring (and empowering) fellow cancer patients who are going through painful chemotherapy. Performed to Kelly Clarkson's song Stronger, the video has gone viral on YouTube this week. Brilliant.

9 **Copenhagen Philharmonic ... in the subway:** The Copenhagen Philharmonic Orchestra did a terrific flash mob in the Copenhagen Metro subway, and the video already has nearly a million views this week. With flash mobs becoming ubiquitous, I'm thinking of starting a 24-7 flash mob that never stops flash-mobbing in a grand social experiment. Watch out.

British actor Sacha Baron Cohen arrives for the world premiere of The Dictator on Thursday in London. JONATHAN SHORT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's reigning



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Royal weather

Britons get a surprise on BBC

If this king thing doesn't work out, Prince Charles may be able to fall back on a budding career as a weatherman.

The heir to the British throne and his wife, Camilla, gave it a try Thursday, each reading out weather reports during a visit to BBC studios in Glasgow.

The sight of the nattily dressed Charles giving a credible performance in the unfamiliar role caused many Britons to do a double-take as he read the lunchtime news weather spot.

The prince delivered a nearly perfect performance.

Palace officials say Charles and Camilla were visiting the studios to mark the 60-year anniversary of BBC TV Scotland. The visit was also part of the pair's annual Holyrood week.

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Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, reads the weather on the BBC. ANDREW MILLIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just kidding

"There's potential for a few flurries over Balmoral. Who the hell wrote this script?"

The heir to the throne ad-libbed while reading the afternoon weather report.

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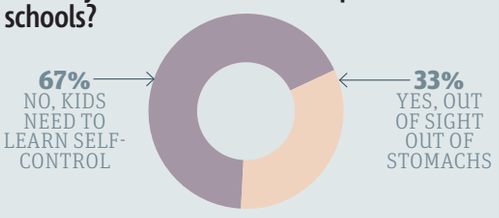

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@AgentKinloch: @normmacdonald See ya at the tables before and after the show tonight Normy! #yxe #norm#casino

@seanshaw: @EricOlauson This Saturday is crazy, so many neighbourhood events going on! I count at least 8 community garage sales. several cleanups #yxe

@CURTMAH: Does anyone know why house price gains in Regina are outpacing those in Saskatoon #yxe #yqr

@Robmorgan81: Welcome to Saskatoon @normmacdonald !! See you tonight! I recommend @BigSkindizzle and @shekurbootay attend tomorrow night in Winnipeg #yxe

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GETTING IN THE GAME

CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART CHARITIES HAS HELPED MORE THAN 400,000 KIDS PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS

Jonathan Hood spends a lot of time telling young people about his own athletic journey. For the Hamilton Tiger-Cats defensive back, sharing the lessons he has learned with others is an important part of the job. "Sports can teach you how to win and lose gracefully and how to get along with other people," he says. "It can also teach you about teamwork, group dynamics and life skills."

When Hood isn't honing his own impressive football skills, he works as a public speaker, mentor and coach. He runs a camp in the off-season that teaches young players the fundamentals of football. He's involved with the GTA Youth Athletics Club and has spearheaded MPower, an organization that provides leadership skills and mentoring for at-risk youth. Plus, he speaks to high school students every chance he gets.

These days Hood is spreading his message about sport in another way, through his involvement with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. He's one of a number of elite Canadian athletes who have lent their names and images to a 12-month calendar that will raise funds for Canadian Tire Jumpstart's many sport and recreational programs.

The list of participants in the calendar is impressive. Four-time world figure-skating champion Kurt Browning, champion high jumper Nicole Forrester, Chicago Black Hawks star Jonathan Toews and hockey gold medallist Sami Jo Small were all chosen because of their continuing support for Canadian Tire Jumpstart.

Since 2005, Canadian Tire Jumpstart has helped more than 400,000 children participate in sports and recreation programs. But with one-third of Canadian families unable to enrol their children in sports programs because of cost, many kids are still missing out on the health benefits, self-esteem and camaraderie that participating in sports can offer.

Add to that the fact that budget cuts across the country mean less physical education and extracurricular activity in school. What's more, childhood obesity is dramatically on the rise, along with a general perception that neighbourhoods aren't safe places to play anymore.

Hood believes it's up to everyone in a community to do their part to support youth sports and activities. "You have to look at yourself," he says. "If you were coached and mentored when you were a kid, you are better off for it. Programs like Canadian Tire Jumpstart are opportunities to let young people achieve their dreams. We should all support that."

Jumpstart

JUMPSTART DAY IN MAY

On May 26, most Canadian Tire stores in Canada will host fun activities and draws to help raise money for their local community. Examples of this year's Jumpstart Day events include car washes, barbecues, draws and raffles.

Throughout May, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is asking Canadians to donate $2 for its popular red ball in one of two new designs (a basketball and a baseball) to support Jumpstart Day. The One Million Red Ball (OneMillionRedBalls.ca) campaign kicked off on May 4. Customers can pick up a ball at Canadian Tire stores and Gas+ locations, Mark's and Pita Pit locations.

"We're challenging Canadians to raise $1 million through the sale of the balls," says Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities president Dan Thompson.

KIDS GET A JUMPSTART ON SPORTS

Every child in Canada has the right to participate in sports and recreation activities, but many families can't afford the fees. Since Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities was established in 2005, it has helped more than 400,000 children aged four to 18 take part in such activities as swimming, dance, tae kwon do, soccer, basketball and learn-to-bike programs.

"We cover the cost of registration, equipment and/or transportation," says Dan Thompson, the president of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. "We also lend support to unique community-based initiatives aimed at increasing access to sport and recreation programs."

More than 300 local chapters across the country partner with such community organizations as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, parks and recreation departments, sports associations — even the police. It means that Canadian Tire Jumpstart transforms not only a child's life, but also an entire community.

An incredible 100 per cent of customer donations go directly to help kids in financial need take part in organized sport and recreation. And any Canadian Tire Jumpstart fundraising done locally stays in that community.

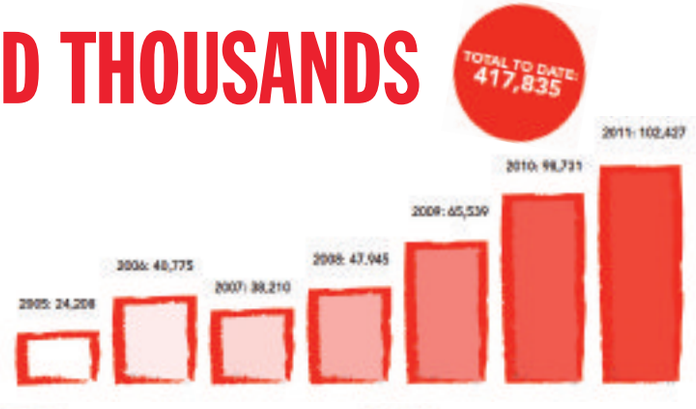
Kids get so much more than the physical health benefits of exercise from playing sports or dancing. "They also gain self-confidence and learn leadership skills," says Thompson. "We want Canadians to try to imagine how different their lives might be now if they hadn't been able to do these activities when they were young."

Applications for assistance can be submitted from Jan. 15 to June 1 for spring/summer programs, and from July 1 to Nov. 1 for fall/winter programs. Applicants will be notified by their local Canadian Tire Jumpstart chapter representative if they've been approved or if more details are needed. All of the information is kept confidential.

Visit canadiantire.ca/jumpstart or call 1-877-616-6600 to learn more.

WE'VE HELPED THOUSANDS

In 2011, thanks to generous donations and fundraising efforts, we helped 102,427 kids participate in 71 activities. From swim club to hockey camp, from football to dance, Canadian Tire Jumpstart funds are reaching the kids who need it the most.



GET REVVED UP FOR NASCAR EVENT

When the stars of NASCAR start their engines at Auto Clearing Speedway on July 25, they'll also be helping kids in Saskatchewan get started in the right direction. For each ticket sold for the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series Velocity Prairie Thunder 250 at Canadian Tire stores in Saskatoon, Humboldt, Regina, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw and Lloydminster, $5 will be donated to Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities.

The popular NASCAR event, now in its fourth year at the Saskatoon speedway, will feature a night of local classes, including Mini Stocks and Super Late Models on July 24, and the local SKL Trailers Pro Truck division on July 25, all for one admission price.

Saskatoon Canadian Tire dealer Paul Cairns says the ticket drive is just one of a number of Canadian Tire Jumpstart fundraisers that he and fellow Saskatoon dealer Dave Deplaedt have been involved with in recent years — fundraisers that have included Christmas tree sales, community barbecues and car washes.

"Canadian Tire Jumpstart is so important to our community," says Cairns. "We've got 480 kids registered in the program in Saskatoon alone. These are all kids who would not be participating in organized sports if it wasn't for Canadian Tire Jumpstart."

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SCENE

Celebrity buzz

Brand returns

Russell Brand is returning to the MTV stage. The 36-year-old comedian has signed on to host the 2012 MTV Movie Awards. "This MTV Movie Awards will be more impressive than The Avengers, and you won't have to wait an hour for someone to Hulk out," Brand said Thursday. After hosting MTV's Video Music Awards in 2008 and 2009, Brand took on leading roles in films such as Get Him to the Greek, Arthur and Rock of Ages, which hits theatres next month. This is his first time hosting the MTV Movie Awards

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On the web

Ubisoft assembling Avengers video game for Kinect, Wii U

Will Prometheus live up to its artistic and creepy space opera potential? HANDOUT

The hot flicks of summer

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Preview. Crouse and Breslin share their picks for popcorn season — Prometheus and The Dark Knight Rises top the list

Richard: Mark, as summer movie titles go, Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter has to be the grabbiest. Either that or Piranha 3DD. Both sound like fun Saturday afternoon matinees, but for nighttime viewing I think I'm most looking forward to Prometheus, the sort-of prequel to Alien. It's Ridley Scott in sci-fi mode, which means we can expect an artistic and creepy space opera with cool effects and a face-hugger or two.

Mark: Yes, I'm looking forward to Prometheus as well. But am I foolish to secretly count down the days to Rock of Ages, the '80s hair-metal musical? I avoided the live show but the trailer looked like a hoot! C'mon, Richard — Tom Cruise in a blond shag rockin' out to Foreigner hits? The art of cinema just doesn't get any better!

RC: I hope Rock of Ages is as loud and proud as the music it covers. Forget 3D for this one, give me Odorama! I want to smell the gallons of Aqua Net it must have taken to give Alec Baldwin that hair! Also likely on the loud and proud side should be The Bourne Legacy. Jeremy Renner is stepping in for Matt Damon who made the character famous. Renner is all kinds of awesome, but let's see if he can duke out like Damon.

MB: Reboots make me nervous, Richard. They work too hard or not hard enough. Which brings us to Total Recall, one of my favourite dystopian sci-fi films. Will it be better than the Schwarzenegger version? Worse? Will Colin Farrell run for governor someday? Don't know, but I can't wait to see it. Also Ted, the talking, wisecracking, R-rated teddy bear movie. If this were not Seth Macfarlane's movie, I'd totally avoid it, but the trailer is hysterical!

RC: The red band trailer for Ted made me laugh harder than almost anything else I've seen this year. It'll be rude and crude, but I think Mark Wahlberg is an underrated comic actor, so I'm excited. I can't believe we've gotten to this point and haven't mentioned the caped elephant in the room, The Dark Knight Rises. I saw six minutes of this on an IMAX screen and it made my mind grapes tingle. And I cannot wait to see the rest.

MB: It will be the movie of the summer, the box office hit of the year, and turn Tom Hardy into a household name. I'll probably camp out in line the night before it opens.

Synopsis

Everybody knows the official first day of summer is Wednesday June 20, but in movie theatres the silly season actually starts earlier. In fact, it began last weekend with the release of The Avengers, the boffo superhero movie that kicked off the balmy blockbuster season. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the superhero stories, remakes, reboots, reimaginings and more we'll be watching during air conditioner season.

Sir Ben Kingsley brings a touch of class to Sacha Baron Cohen's comedy

The Dictator. From Gandhi to General Aladeen's uncle — Kingsley is always up for a challenge

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

The man who played Gandhi has portrayed many other heavy characters throughout his long career, but a king of comedy he's never been. Sir Ben Kingsley is the first to own up to this, but it seems worth a shot in order to work with a man whom he mentions in the same breath as Charlie Chaplin.

"The great ones, like Chaplin and Sacha Baron Cohen make it look effortless," he says.

"It's not effortless."

In the latest film from the man responsible for Ali G, Borat and Bruno, Sir Kingsley portrays the menacing uncle of Admiral General Aladeen (Cohen), the dictator of fictional African nation Wadiya. Though he's not dropping the one-liners the way Baron Cohen gets to, this English actor brings an air of sophistication to the film.

With any Sacha Baron Cohen project, the humour comes out of how truthful it is. What's the most important 'serious message' in the film?

I am hoping personally that it will reveal in people perhaps some hidden fears or prejudices. ... (Baron Cohen and his creative team) voice certain phobias, prejudices. … It might cause people to feel resentment, not offense, because Sacha's character is saying things that, if they said it, they would be arrested or lose their job, but they are capable of saying those things. I think that's where satire is really valuable. Those that are made to feel uncomfortable will feel resentful that in their enforced political correctness, they're not allowed to be anti-Semitic. 'Like, why can that f—ker up there say it and if I say it, I'll lose my job!'"

You got to spend a lot of time holding Baron Cohen's hand throughout the film. How was that for you?

That is the relationship, you see. I am his uncle, and I know that he's still a child, so whatever street he has to cross, be it in the UN or arriving in New York, or going to a nuclear facility, he's crossing a street. I know he's a total idiot and I've done nothing to further his education, or his well being. It's better for my character, the uncle, to infantilize and keep him there.

Sacha Baron Cohen was responsible for Borat which many have said was one of the best movies of the last decade, but it did not receive a Best Picture Oscar nomination. Why do comedies never win that category?

I think there's this misconception that's completely understandable, that comedy is easy — that we're basically having fun. All we're doing is fooling around in front of a camera. I could talk for years trying to dispel this myth but nobody wants to hear it. Sacha was talking to me about the science of comedy — how he numerically grades from one to ten, the value of a certain reaction. Where it is in the film, in the editing, whether to go for two sevens or cut them and go for a ten and always to keep poking at the nerve ... that prejudiced nerve.

So then would you put this performance on par with playing Gandhi?

My body chemistry changes to the same degree on the word action, no matter what I'm doing. Whether it's a marathon or a series of sprints, I still have to use the same muscles, so I can't really differentiate.

Ben Kingsley plays uncle to Sacha Baron Cohen's character General Aladeen in The Dictator. HANDOUT

Comedy

Dark Shadows

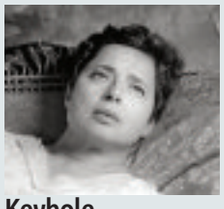
Director. Tim Burton

Stars. Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Eva Green

Watching Tim Burton's big-budget cinematic relaunch of Dan Curtis' cult '60s daytime soap opera Dark Shadows is like being trapped in some sort of drug-laced alternate universe … and that's a good thing. Burton casts his muse Johnny Depp as vampire Barnabas Collins, who is freed from his coffin in 1972 after being put there by his spurned lover centuries before. How he copes with a disenfranchised America and his descendants is campy fun for sure. Outside of the surrealism, this is really just a soap opera after all. It's also one of the bravest, weirdest studio films this critic has ever seen.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Drama



Keyhole

Director. Guy Maddin

Stars. Jason Patric, Isabella Rossellini, Udo Kier

Canadian surrealist Maddin goes digital but doesn't sacrifice a shred of his vision in Keyhole, a haunting, visually informed work of bizarre, muted power. Jason Patric (The Lost Boys) stars as Ulysses, a man who must face the horrors and ghosts of his past inside the confines of his own house, including the specter of his long dead wife (played by Maddin muse Isabella Rossellini). Part expressionist poem, part classic Hollywood quote and all Maddin, there will be nothing else like it onscreen this year.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Quoted

"[Alien] belongs at the top of about five different lists, including best thriller and best horror film, as well. Ridley Scott did so many things right here — from the grimy, lived-in world of the Nostromo mixed with H.R. Giger's eerily seductive design to the perfect cast and Sigourney Weaver's bad-ass performance. I also love the way Scott keeps the alien unseen for so much of the gut-churning build up, then delivers one of the most terrifying creatures ever seen on screen. I still can't watch this one after about 8 p.m."

The Avengers' Clark Gregg talking about his favourite science fiction movies of all time.

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715 Broadway Ave., 306-652-6556

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Payback (G) Sat 9 Mon 9 Wed 9 Thu 7
Running the Sahara (STC) Tue 7
Le Vendeur (G) Sun 9 Mon 7 Tue 9:30 Wed 7 Thu 9

Cineplex Odeon Centre
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21 Jump Street (14A) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 3:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:40
American Reunion (18A) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Wed 5:30-8:30 Thu 1:20-5:30-8:30
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The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Fri 7:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 5:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Safe (14A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Mon-Wed 9:40
Siegfried Wagner Opera (STC) Thu 6:30
A Streetcar Named Desire (STC) Wed 7
Think Like a Man (PG) Fri 4:50-7:55-10:35 Sat 11:05-2-4:50-7:55-10:35 Sun 2-4:50-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:30

Roxy Theatre
320 20th St West, 306-955-8642

Bully (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7 Mon-Thu 7
Friends With Kids (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 3:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20
Keyhole (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 3:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 9:10
Monsieur Lazhar (STC) Fri 7:10 Sat 1:10-7:10 Sun-Mon 7:10 Wed-Thu 7:10

Rainbow Cinemas Saskatoon
The Centre at Circle & 8th, 306-955-8642

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-wrecked (G) Fri 1:50-4:30 Sat 1:50 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:30
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:05-7:10-9:25 Thu 4:05-7:10-9:25
John Carter (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-9:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:30-9:45
Lockout (14A) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:55
Safe House (PG) Fri-Thu 6:55-10
This Means War (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:20
The Three Stooges (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:25-9:35
The Vow (PG) Fri 1-4:15-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 4:15-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-9:50
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4
Wrath of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:30

Anna Faris is preggers and already wants more?

Anna Faris and Chris Pratt are expecting their first child, according to People magazine.

The couple, who met on the set of Take Me Home Tonight and tied the knot in 2009, have been thinking about kids for a while — and this baby could be just the beginning, to hear Faris tell it.

"Chris wants a big family," Faris told E! News last year. "I would love to have eight. I don't think I could handle it, though."

Anna Faris and Chris Pratt

Robert Pattinson needs some encouragement

Robert Pattinson admits he's been doing a lot of growing up as an actor, and a good chunk of that came filming David Cronenberg's sex- and violence-filled Cosmopolis, the Twilight star tells Premiere magazine.

"Filming Cosmopolis with David changed something in me," he says. "It gave me balls." But before that, he had to conquer a certain measure of self-doubt: "I spent time doubting myself," he says.

"I was working myself up, asking myself if I was good enough." So how did he talk himself into it? "I tell myself, 'F— it! If they want to hire you, go!'"

Robert Pattinson

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The Word

Kim Kardashian

Kanye West ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

We can't let them finish

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When Kanye West and Kim Kardashian first stepped out together in March, we weren't too alarmed. Surely, these two would eventually find each other and combine their powers for some sunbathing-on-the-yacht photo ops.

But now, it seems we could be dealing with something worse than staged summer love: the real deal.

"Kim and Kanye are 100 per cent having conversations about marriage," a source tells UsMagazine.com, adding that West had been interested "for a long time."

Another source — let's call this one Worst Source Ever — says Kim's on board: "They've been friends for years. Kim is ready to give it a try now."

Now, before we go all 2012 here, we really should mention that all of this was started by a quick couple lines West rapped in a new Pusha T song: "I saw you in the club in a white dress/ Now I want to put you in a white dress."

For all we know, he could just be talking about drugs here. Maybe sex. Possibly both. People who still go outside after 9 p.m. — tell us it will all be OK!

Joe Jonas: Fax me

Joe Jonas seems like a nice young man. Nice enough that we even kind of buy that he's doing Pepsi's Live for Now campaign for something other than the money.

"It's a cool way to be able to go to this platform and be able to check out different pop culture things that are going on," he told us this week while on a promotion tour in New York.

But, moving on, let's talk underwear and flirty faxes.

On his forward fans
"The boldest is probably throwing articles of underwear on stage. That has happened. And then I've had a fan once ask me to punch them, which I thought was crazy, and they were like, well because then, you know, I'll always remember it. I'm like, you know what, I really don't wanna do that. That was a female fan. I didn't hit her."

On getting a girl's attention
"I faxed somebody once. I was asking somebody on a date. I met her at a store and I sent her a fax that said, hey would you like to go out with me, here's my number. She faxed me back."

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY MEREDITH ENGEL

Is One Direction going in all different directions?

After their lightning-fast rise to fame, the boys of One Direction are already facing breakup rumors, with member Harry Styles' latest travel itinerary suggesting he's on the lookout for a solo career, according to the Daily Star.

"[Harry's] been offered a big solo project, so he flew out to Los Angeles without the rest of the boy band," a source says.

"He's been in America filming something. It may have been an advert or a film — I can't say exactly what — but it's worth a lot of money."

But a rep for the boy band is quick to quash the rumors, saying the trip wasn't for business at all.

"This report is false. Harry was on vacation in L.A.," their rep tells Hollyscoop.

Harry Styles GETTY IMAGES

Styles is in demand

"[Harry's] been offered a big solo project, so he flew out to Los Angeles without the rest of the boy band"
Source

Britney Spears to judge X Factor, says source

The deal is done: Britney Spears is reportedly joining the X Factor as a judge, joining executive producer Simon Cowell and L.A. Reid on the panel, according to E! News.

"There's been a lot of back and forth over the past few weeks as they negotiated the small details, but she's on," a source says. "It's all completed and Britney is beyond excited."

Spears will reportedly earn $15 million for her work on the show's second season, though it isn't clear if the deal extends beyond that. The deal now leaves one judge's chair empty on the singing competition's panel, with Miley Cyrus a rumoured frontrunner for the spot.

However, Hollywood Life reports that the former Hannah Montana star is being considered instead to replace host Steve Jones.

Twitter

@CraigyFerg
Sorry I haven't tweeted for a while - there was a new Angry Birds app.

@kirstiealley
coming out of my cocoon today....hope new wings take me where I want to go...they always have..;)

@ActuallyNPH
Yet another My Life Is Random moments: Oprah came over to our house today. I made her pizza.

@SarahKSilverman
I'm finding it hard to get sympathy with my I-pulled-a-muscle-on-a-zip-line story.

Liquid Assets

An easy-like-Sunday-morning sipper

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A reader sent me an e-mail last week asking if I could recommend a wine to go with breakfast in bed.

While he was looking to impress his wife on their upcoming anniversary, with Mother's Day this weekend I'm betting many of you guys out there will also be looking to score some bonus points Sunday morning.

Eclectic is the best way to describe a breakfast menu. The fun part is that any early morning tipple should be light, fresh and very easy-drinking — the same flavour profile that loves unusual eats.

Though the selection varies across the country, a white wine made with the moscato grape is a perfect early morning sipper.

Slightly sweet and low in alcohol, they're an a.m. friendly wine style gaining a solid following during the day as well.

I think sparkling when it comes to breakfast (or brunch) is best. Forget the orange juice and pick one with the union of fruit and wine already built in.

Chile's Fresita ($12.95 - $15.99) is infused with the essence of real strawberries. The result is a berry bomb that explodes in the mouth and will add plenty of refreshment to your Mother's Day.

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Classic treat will make mom smile on her day

Emily's Mom's Quick Cinnamon Buns. Metro's food columnist shares a special treat from her childhood

DINNER EXPRESS
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With Mother's Day this Sunday, I've been thinking about my mom. My thoughts led me to a treat my mother used to make on the weekends or even during the week after dinner.

In an old notebook dating back to my high school days, I found the recipe for Mom's Cinnamon Buns.

These biscuit style cinnamon buns are perfect to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee with mom or any special person on any day you want to sit back and chat about a memory or two.

They're best served warmed out of the oven or reheated in the microwave before serving.

This recipe makes nine buns. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter
- ½ cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar

Dough

- 2 cups (500 mL) all purpose flour
- 4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) salt
- ½ cup (125 mL) lard or shortening
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) milk

Filling

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, very soft but not melted
- ½ cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 tsp (10 mL) ground cinnamon

1. In saucepan, melt butter and sugar, whisking over medium heat until smooth and combined. Pour into lightly sprayed 8 inch (2 L) baking dish; spread evenly across bottom; set aside.

2. Dough: In bowl, stir flour, baking powder and salt. Cut lard into flour using fingers until mix is crumbly looking. Drizzle in milk and stir using fork to combine. Bring dough together and knead gently on lightly floured surface to make smooth dough. Roll out dough on floured surface to make a 14-inch (35 cm) square.

3. Filling: In bowl, stir butter, sugar and cinnamon until very smooth. Spread evenly all over dough right to the edges. Roll up dough, jelly-roll style and pinch seam along edge. Cut log into 9 equal pieces and place into prepared baking dish.

4. Bake in centre of a 400 F (200 C) oven 25 mins or until golden brown and sauce is bubbly. Let stand for three minutes before turning out onto platter.

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This recipe makes 4 cups (1 L). EMILY RICHARDS

Gram-Slaw. Make one granny's salad a family favourite at your own table

When a mother of seven loves her children, she will make sure they eat well. When those children grow up, marry and have kids of their own, the grandchildren yearn for the tasty food that grandma makes. And often each household has its own signature dishes.

This is truly the case with my friend's family, the Hohenadels. Grandma Hohenadel serves up her Gram-Slaw, a simple yet super tasty cabbage slaw that tastes even better because she makes it. When they say the secret ingredient is love, I believe it!

Here is the recipe that she lovingly makes for her family.

I know once you make it, it will be a new family favourite for you, too.

1. Cut cabbage into pieces that will fit into your food processor tube. While it's running put cabbage pieces in and chop to make four cups (1 L). Scrape into large bowl; add carrot.

2. In bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, oil and mustard. Scrape over cabbage mixture and stir to coat well. Add salt and pepper to taste and stir to combine.

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Ingredients

- Half green cabbage, about 1 lb/500 g
- 1 small carrot, shredded with grater
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light mayo
- 5 tsp (25 mL) packed brown sugar
- 4 tsp (20 mL) each white vinegar, canola oil and dry or ground mustard
- Salt and pepper

3 LIFE

Trends

Packaged Cold Cuts

Food companies looking to capitalize on consumers' increasingly sophisticated tastes are carving out new directions in lunch meat with upscale options that are pre-sliced, prepackaged and ready to go right alongside the bologna. Some prepackaged lunch meats now come in thicker slices, mirroring the choice at a traditional deli. Herbs and spices also are showing up in prepackaged products, boosting flavour and appeal. And now there are the packages of sliced, dry-cured meats, such as soppressata and prosciutto, which used to be strictly deli items. Meanwhile, producers have been cutting salt and removing artificial ingredients in response to customers' requests for a more natural product.

In terms of national sales, the multi-billion dollar lunch meat business got a bit of a boost out of the recession as more people brown-bagged it.

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On the web

Julia Child taught Americans to love food, and women to take pride in making it

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NBA

"It gives us a lot of confidence going back home. We won our last two at home, so we'll just try to go home and feed off our home crowd."

Los Angeles Clippers centre DeAndre Jordan. The stubborn Memphis Grizzlies aren't the only obstacles in the Los Angeles Clippers' path to closing out a rare playoff series victory. Blake Griffin and Chris Paul are banged up heading into Game 6, and Caron Butler continues to play with a broken left hand. The Clippers said Thursday that Griffin and Paul would be game-time decisions on Friday night, although the all-star duo figures to play with so much on the line.

Tennis

Nadal blue after 3rd-round loss

Rafael Nadal lost to Spanish countryman Fernando Verdasco for the first time in the Madrid Open on Thursday, then threatened, along with top-ranked Novak Djokovic, not to return if the new blue clay court wasn't discarded. Nadal blew a 5-2 lead in the third set in losing 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, his first defeat to Verdasco in 14 matches. The third-round loss was Nadal's earliest exit on clay since 2004. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

There was a point in Hayley Wickenheiser's life when she was consumed by hockey. But ever since Canada's all-time scoring leader adopted Noah, the son of her boyfriend 12 years ago, she says she became cured of "the disease of me." Scan the code for the story.

Roughriders all set under centre

CFL. Though flush with young quarterbacks, veteran Darian Durant remains the starter

Roughriders coach Corey Chamblin smiles at a news conference in Regina in December. There will be no quarterback controversy in Chamblin's first training camp as a CFL head coach. ROY ANTAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There will be no quarterback controversy in Corey Chamblin's first training camp as a CFL head coach.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders signed young guns Colt Brennan, J.T. O'Sullivan, Levi Brown and Drew Willy this off-season but they'll be vying for backup duty as Chamblin says veteran Darian Durant remains the starter.

"In my mind I know who the No. 1 quarterback will be and that's Darian Durant," Chamblin said during a conference call Thursday. "Like any other position there are moves so we can be competitive all across the board, but Darian is our leader."

Durant, 29, has been Saskatchewan's starter the last three seasons and led the club to consecutive Grey Cup appearances in 2009-10. The seven-year veteran was a dual threat in 2010, passing for a league-best 5,542 yards while rushing for 618 yards and seven TDs.

But Durant's production slipped in a miserable 2011 season that saw the Riders fire rookie coach Greg Marshall after a 1-7 start en route to a league-worse 5-12 record to miss the CFL playoffs for the first time since 2001. Durant finished with 3,653 passing yards and 381 yards rushing with two TDs before missing the final two games with a broken bone in his foot.

Durant's struggles mirrored those of Saskatchewan's offence, which finished last overall in scoring (19.2 points per game) and second-last in total yards (327.3 per game).

"Obviously we were struggling on offence last year but there were a lot of reasons for that," general manager Brendan Taman said. "But our starting quarterback has been to the Grey Cup in two of the last three years and I don't foresee that to be luck.

"I think Darian put a lot on himself last year and it was unfair to him in some ways. He's only going to be as good as the people around him.... Darian is going to be fine and behind him, we'll see where they go."

Saskatchewan showed its commitment to Durant, signing him to a three-year extension this off-season.

Chamblin and Taman were both involved in what was a whirlwind off-season for Saskatchewan. When Ken Miller retired as head coach and vice-president of football operations at season's end, Taman added the football-operations post then hired Chamblin, who was a finalist behind Marshall for the Riders coaching job last year.

Ironically, Chamblin also succeeded Marshall in Hamilton last year, replacing him as defensive co-ordinator when Marshall left for Saskatchewan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"We believe in him and we know he will take us where we need to go and where we want to go." Roughriders coach Corey Chamblin on QB Darian Durant

NBA

76ers deliver coup de grace

Andre Iguodala made the go-ahead free throws with 2.2 seconds left and the Philadelphia 76ers rallied for a 79-78 victory over the top-seeded Chicago Bulls in Game 6 on Thursday night, advancing to the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs for the first time since 2003.

The Sixers are the fifth No. 8 seed to win a first-round series against a No. 1 seed. They will face Boston, which beat Atlanta in six games, in the conference semifinals.

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NBA

'Birdman' banned after police search

Denver Nuggets centre Chris (Birdman) Andersen has been excused indefinitely from all team-related activities after Douglas County sheriff's deputies searched his home Thursday as part of an investigation of the Internet Crimes Against Children unit. Andersen has not been arrested and police said no arrest warrant was issued.

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MLB

Alvarez's arm stays hot for Blue Jays

Henderson Alvarez pitched seven strong innings to win his third straight start for the Toronto Blue Jays, 6-2 over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday night.

Alvarez (3-2) stretched his scoreless streak to 17 innings before second baseman Kelly Johnson's throwing error allowed the Twins to score in the third. Josh Willingham hit a homer in the sixth, but Alvarez didn't give up any more than that.

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All bets are off for Game 7 on Broadway

Alex Ovechkin skates up ice against the New York Rangers in Game 5 on Monday in New York City. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Crunch the numbers, ride the waves of momentum, and then try to guess if the Washington Capitals or New York Rangers will survive another Game 7 and move on to the Eastern Conference finals.

Hockey analysts will make very compelling arguments — and leave anyone who is listening believing that both teams can't lose the win-or-go-home matchup on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

Ah yes, Madison Square Garden, the famed arena in which the host Rangers are 4-0 in Game 7s. It is also the place where the Rangers pulled out a Game 5 win in this series by scoring a power-play goal with 7.6 seconds left in regulation, and then another less than two minutes into overtime, turning what appeared to be a sure loss into one of the most electrifying victories in club history.

You know, the tide-turning win that the Capitals would never be able to bounce back from — even though they were heading home for Game 6. It didn't quite work out that way, and now it's the Rangers who will fight to make sure there is no carry-over in the other direction for Game 7.

"We can't let it," Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said. "We have to put this one behind us. We have to go in Saturday ready to play."

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Cup drought

- The Rangers, eliminated from the playoffs by Washington in two of the previous three seasons, haven't been to the conference finals since 1997.
- The Capitals have never won it all.

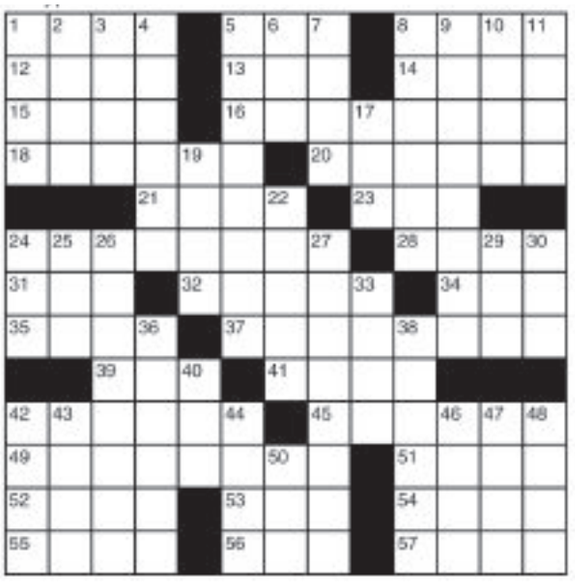
Crossword

Across

1 Mayflower, for one
5 Craze
8 Grand poetry
12 Singer Vikki
13 Conceit
14 Create
15 Lotion additive
16 "Moby-Dick" author
18 Art of growing dwarfed plants
20 Assistant who does errands
21 Wee
23 Before
24 Tunes
28 Engrave
31 Favorable vote
32 Very, in music
34 Pirouette pivot
35 Ties up the phone
37 Rapid decline
39 — -tzu
41 Of a specified type
42 Quantity
45 "Merci"
49 "The Velvet Fog"
51 Nevada city
52 "Survivor" setting
53 Rowing tool
54 Werewolf's inspiration
55 "— of Our Lives"
56 Moines lead-in
57 Picnic invaders

Down

1 Wound cover
2 Head light?
3 Press
4 "Allakazam!"
5 NOW doctrine
6 Candle count
7 Mini mannequin?
8 One with a new homeland
9 South Carolina symbol
10 Sooner St.
11 Witnessed
17 Churchill's gesture
19 Verdi opera
22 Sycophants' replies
24 Gasoline ratio (Abbr.)
25 Historic time
26 Pine variety
27 Odists, in a way
29 Farm female
30 Farm female
33 Pruritus
36 Fries lightly
38 Jenna Elfman TV role
40 Lennon's lady
42 Surrounded by
43 Small plateau
44 Walked (on)
46 Night glower
47 Entanglement
48 Half the offspring
50 West of Hollywood



Sudoku

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		1	3		8	6		
8								1
	5		1		4		3	
7		4				2		5

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	4	7	9	8	1	6	2	5
1	8	2	7	6	4	3	8	9
8	9	6	2	3	5	1	7	4
6	7	3	4	1	2	9	5	8
9	8	4	6	5	7	2	3	1
2	1	5	3	9	8	7	4	6
5	6	9	8	2	3	4	1	7
7	2	8	1	4	9	5	6	3
4	3	1	5	7	6	8	9	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

EW D KEQZ WHSSJU JUBHN D ZVIH QJVBLKX HRLDLH, E IVHRR XJV YEIZL RDX ZH ER UHSS-YDBJKHN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE HE CONTINUALLY EYEBALLS PEOPLE RUDELY, HE HAS EARNED THE NICKNAME "STARE MASTER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Identify where savings can be made. Don't add to your financial problems by buying things you don't need.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. It may annoy you that someone needs convincing that you care for them. Make the effort. Say something nice. You'll be rewarded this weekend.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Your imagination will get a boost today but watch out it doesn't go too far and you start imagining things that are never going to happen.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have high expectations of yourself. You're going places, but keep your feet on the ground.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Common sense tells you to steer clear of other people's disputes, especially on the work front.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Do what you feel like doing today, not what other people say you should. You have an obligation to help, but you've done more than your share.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Someone thinks they can part you from your hard-earned cash by pretending they are in distress and only you can help them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. There are many people who expect something for nothing. They're unlikely to get it from you today.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You don't have to prove anything to anyone, not today nor any other day. Do what you feel is right.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Don't let others see that you are desperate to possess something or they will push up the price.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your ambitions are likely to clash with your personal commitments today — and it is your ambitions that must be favoured.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You won't be much in the mood for work today. Just be careful you don't overdo it. Travelling and socializing can be exhausting! SALLY BROMPTON

Caption Contest

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Jerome P.
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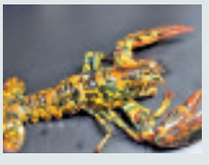

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